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SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU :—" Sir, from which source are the Government getting information about reputation of a particular person? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" We get it from the District Officers, Sir."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know, Sir, whether the M.L.As. always give coloured opinions? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" No, Sir, In some cases, they may."

Reconstruction of the bridge at Anakkayam, Ernad taluk.

* 250-D Q.—SRI KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE (on behalf of Sri K. M. Seethi) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was in the past a bridge to connect Ernad and Walluvanad taluks in Malabar district at Anakkayam in the Ernad taluk ;

(*b*) when that bridge collapsed ; and

(*c*) if so, what steps have been taken to reconstruct the bridge?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) About 75 years ago.

" (*c*) An estimate for reconstructing the bridge is under preparation. The work will be taken up as early as possible according to the availability of funds."

Veterinary Assistant Surgeon at Atmakur.

* 250-E Q.—SRI G. C. KONDAYYA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Veterinary doctor at Atmakur is a touring doctor without staff or hospital at his headquarters and was therefore unable to cope with the cattle diseases which broke out in Atmakur taluk in 1952?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The Veterinary Assistant Surgeon at Atmakur is in charge of a Minor Veterinary Dispensary, and has to tour when there is outbreak of contagious diseases within his jurisdiction.

The answer to the latter part of the question is in the negative. The outbreak of cattle disease (Rinderpest) in the taluk during 1952 was brought under effective control very quickly."

SRI G. C. KONDAYYA :—" Will the Hon. Minister at least now assure me whether, in view of the large scale outbreak of disease every year in Atmakur, the Government are going to start a hospital there with full equipment? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Sir, as a matter of fact the number of attacks was 42 and deaths 21. The touring veterinary doctor in charge of this dispensary was given all

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help and he was able to tackle the problem within a week after its report. The question of opening a fully equipped dispensary does not arise because there are adequate arrangements made to rush help to places wherever there is an outbreak of contagious diseases."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Sir, as the number of deaths is 50 per cent of the number of attacks and as it is a very serious thing, will the Government consider starting a fully equipped veterinary hospital there? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" As I said, Sir, immediately there is any information about the outbreak, help from nearby dispensaries is rushed to the place where there is an outbreak of disease."

SRI M. NARAYANASAMI :—" In view of the fact that the Ongole breed is supposed to be the best in this State and in this country, will the Hon. Minister consider the desirability of opening more veterinary hospitals in that area? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" It may be considered later, Sir, and not now."

SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH :—" May I know whether the Government are prepared to help the present doctor in Atmakur with additional staff? " 9-20 a.m.

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Not at present, Sir."

Veterinary dispensary at Kandukur, Nellore district.

* 250-F Q.—SRI K. SHANMUGHAM :—" Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the average daily attendance for the Veterinary dispensary at Kandukur, Nellore district for the years 1950 to 1953; and

(b) whether it is a fact that accommodation has been found to be insufficient and inadequate for the ordinary needs of dispensary?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (a) 18·1.

" The dispensary at Kandukur is only a Minor Veterinary dispensary.

" (b) The accommodation available for the Minor Veterinary dispensary is sufficient and adequate for the ordinary needs of the institution taking into consideration the daily average attendance."

Halkal bridge, Coondapoor taluk.

* 250-G Q.—SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) when the Halkal bridge in Coondapoor taluk of South Kanara district collapsed;